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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please amend the accompanying verified translation of PCT/DE 03/00675, filed February 28, 2003; published as WO 03/074401 A1 on September 12, 2003 and claiming priority to DE 102 09 214, filed March 4, 2002, the verified translation forming the entire specification and claims of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, prior to an examination of the application on the merits, and prior to the calculation of the filing fees, as follows: